

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Gerald and Lillian Vrooman exchanged their wedding vows on July 14, 1954, at the Congregational Church in Mobridge, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

*Whereas*, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

*Whereas*, Gerald and Lillian farmed and ranched near Eagle Butte until their retirement in 1990 when they moved to Pierre; and,

*Whereas*, Gerald and Lillian gave life and love to four children, Charles, Janice, Diane, and Lois, who in turn presented them with seven grandchildren, and through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Gerald and Lillian have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

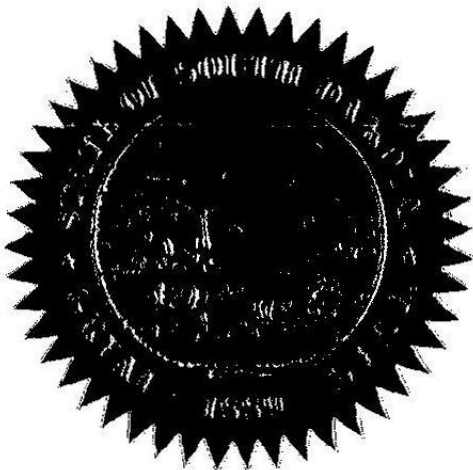
*Whereas*, Family and friends will gather on July 10, 2004, to celebrate Gerald and Lillian's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and,

*Whereas*, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

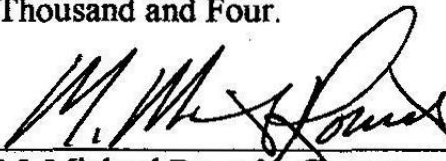
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State